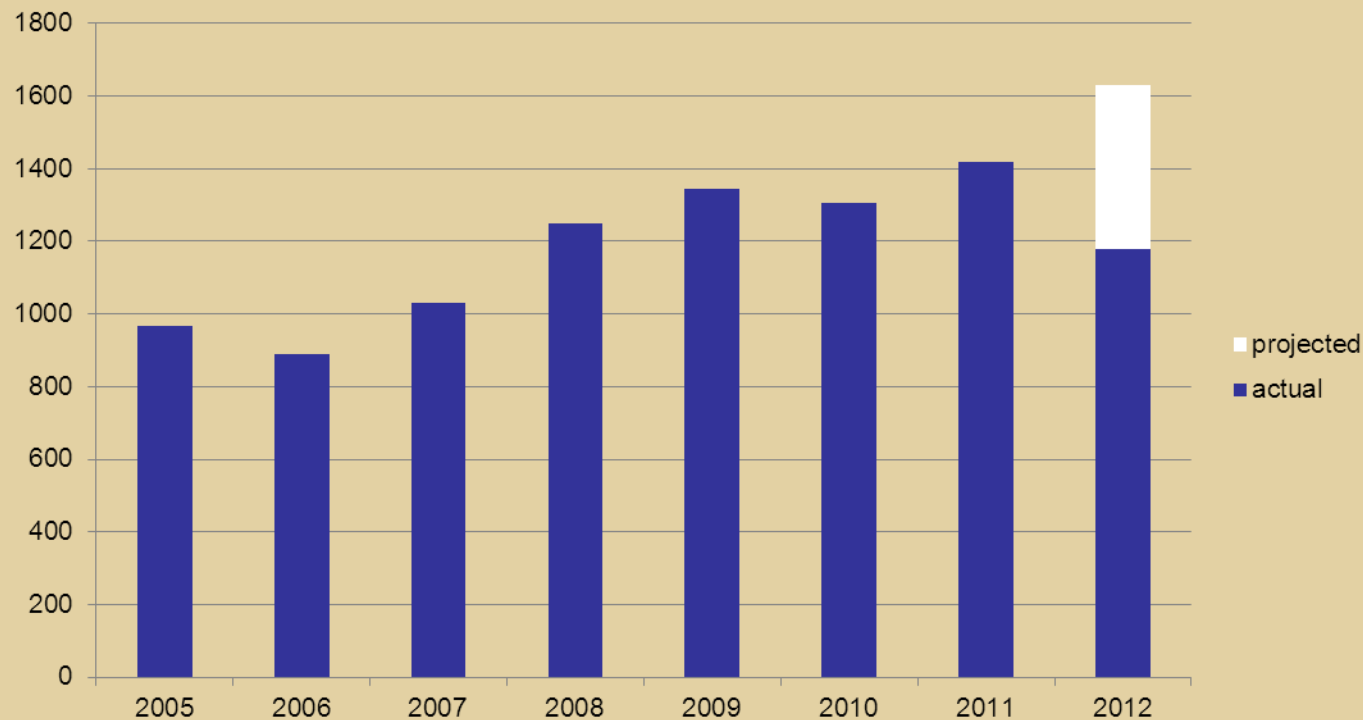


A briefing on homelessness and housing issues in Minneapolis and Hennepin County

November 27, 2012

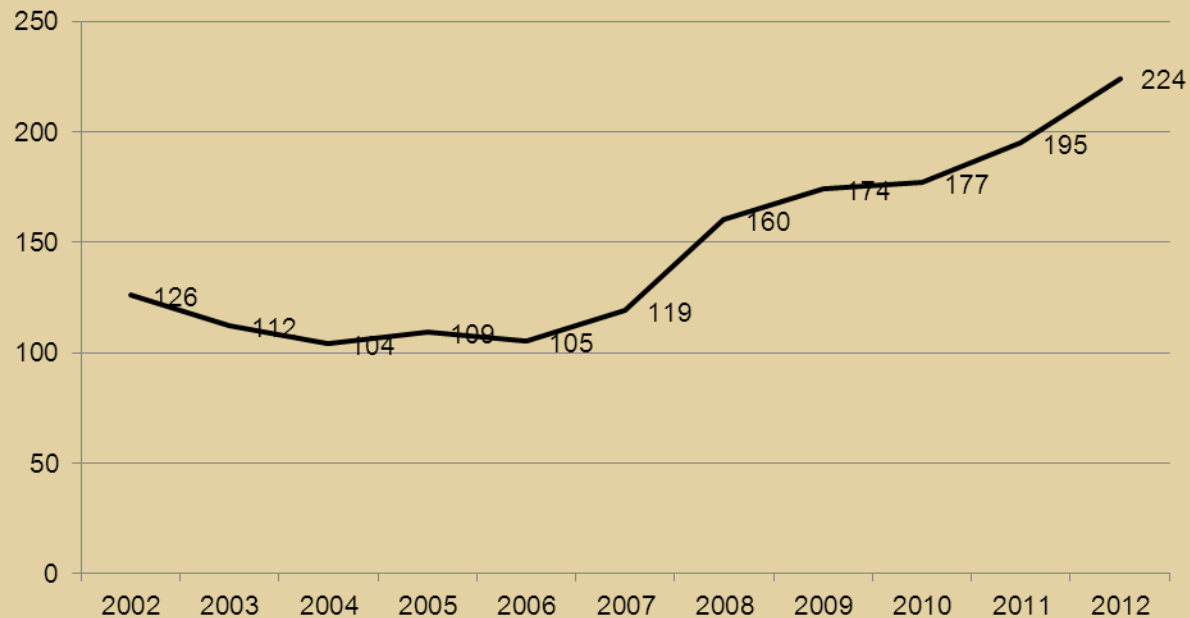
Families in Shelter: 2000-2011

Number of Families Served in Hennepin County-Contracted Shelter



Shelter Use in High Demand Month

**Number of Families in County-
Contracted Shelter on Aug 15, from 2002-
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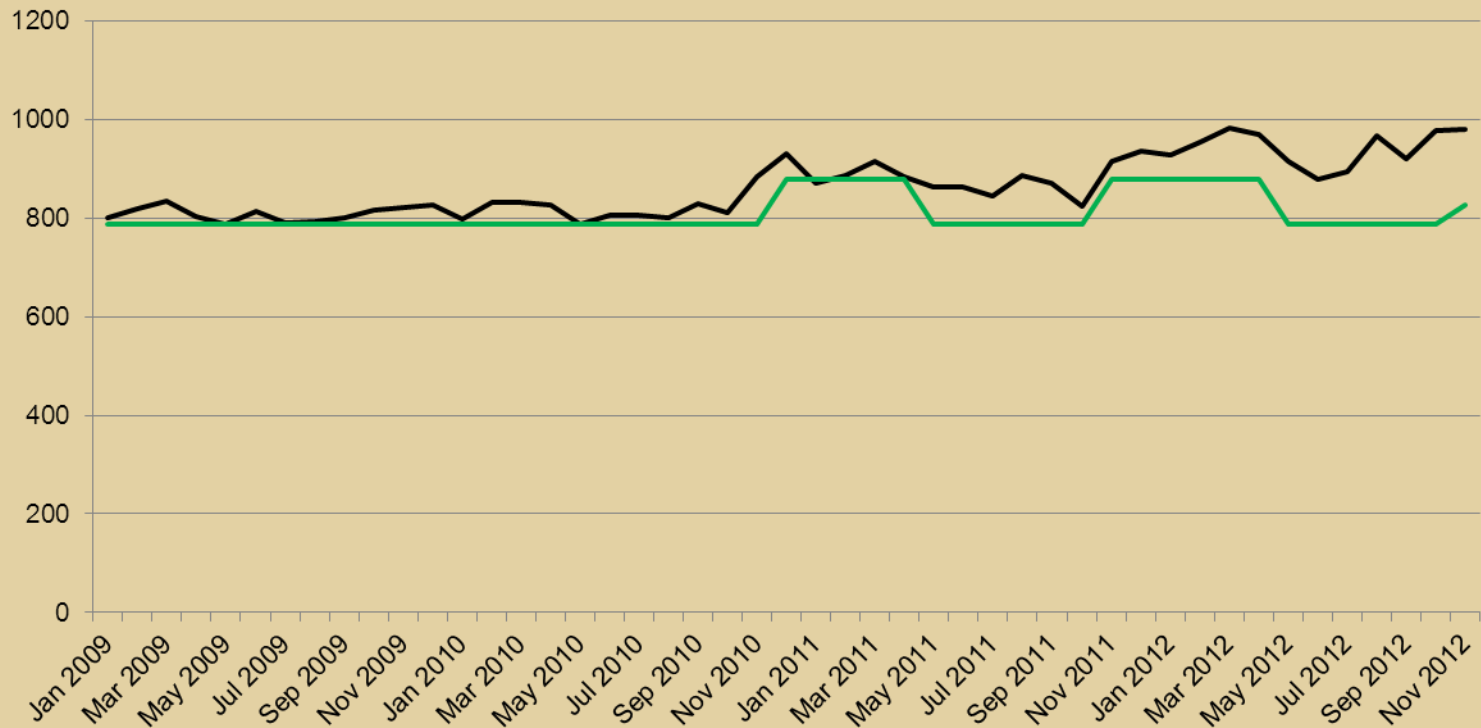
Response to family homelessness

- Prevention assistance helped 3,300 households between 2009-2011.
- Housed 3,900 additional households with rental assistance.
- Worked with MPHA to secure 100 housing vouchers for Family Unification Program (FUP).
- \$6.5 million in new city and county HPRP funds from federal government. This funding ended in 2012, replaced with ESG.
- \$200,000 in private resources to assist over 200 households impacted by the tornado with short-term rental subsidies to prevent them from entering shelter.
- Our rapid exit program to help families get out of shelter is a national model and keeps our average length of stay near 40 days.

Single Adult Shelter

Single Adults in Shelter in Hennepin County Jan 2009 thru Nov 2012

(capacity in green: 788 in summer, 878 in winter)

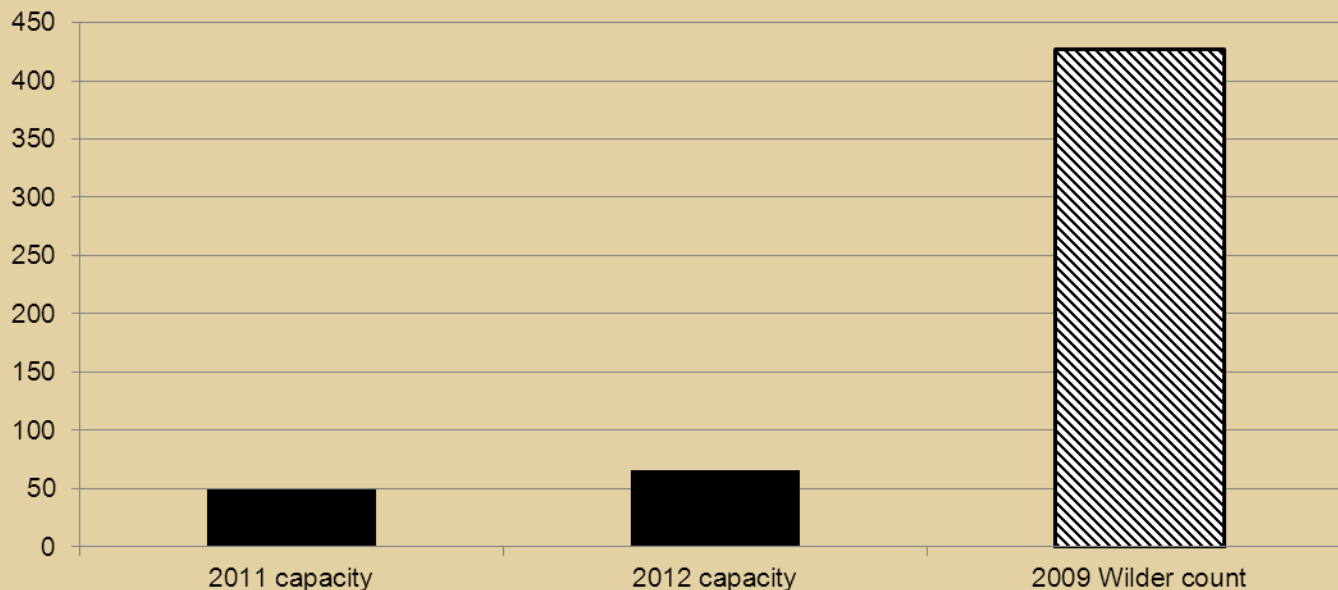


Response to single homelessness

- **Achieved a 33% reduction in homeless veterans in Minneapolis** through partnership with MPHA and VAMC to house 205 long-term homeless veterans and their families through Veterans Administration Supportive Housing Program (HUD-VASH).
- Established Currie Avenue Partnership that uses a Housing First Model and Group Residential Housing for funding. The program has expanded to 14 agencies housing more than 1,000 long-term homeless households in the existing market. The number of long-term homeless in our shelter who didn't come back the following year rose in 2010 and 2011 as a result.

Shelter for Unaccompanied Youth

Hennepin County Youth Shelter Capacity versus Need (some youth access single adult shelter)

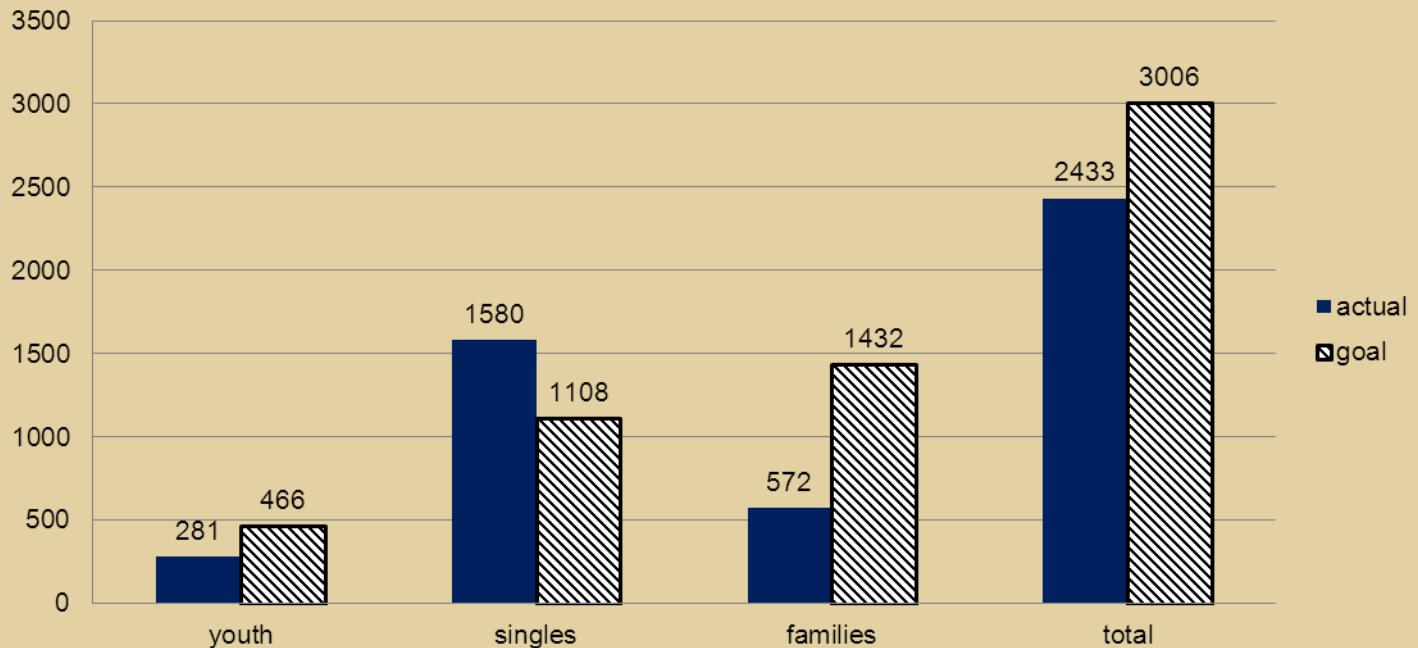


Response to youth homelessness

- Otto Bremer has provided funding for 17 new shelter beds in Hennepin County and another 23 beds in other metro counties.
- The Youth Opportunity Center opened, providing resources from many agencies in one place.
- The Host Home program is a national model
- Young Adult Services Network (YASN) coordinates services for young people across providers

Housing Opportunities

Housing Opportunities Attained versus Goal of Heading Home Hennepin 2007-2011



Recommendations from the Office to End Homelessness

- Take advantage of federal flexibility in Emergency Solutions Grant, which can now be used for outreach as well as emergency shelter. We know that outreach can help people get housing without going through shelter.
- Youth shelter is severely under capacity. Shelter is a good venue to reach homeless youth and get them into housing. Consider supporting a youth shelter.
- We need affordable housing, especially larger units that can accommodate families.